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When Judge Sara Doyle was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2008, she had little idea that by 2015 she would be Chief Judge. On June 24, 2015, in a standing-room only courtroom filled with family, friends, and peers on the Court of Appeals, justices of the Supreme Court, former appellate judges, trial judges, federal judges, legislators, and others, Judge Doyle was sworn-in as the 28th Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.



Judge John J. Ellington, Chief Judge Herbert Phipps, Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson, and James R. Doyle were among the speakers highlighting the accomplishments and career of Judge Doyle.

Judge Doyle, a Walter F. George School of Law graduate, was admitted to the Georgia Bar in June 1994 and began her legal career as a civil litigator with Wilson, Strickland & Benson, P.C. Just prior to taking office, she was an equity partner with the national law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP.

Judge Doyle is a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia and is involved in many aspects of its activities. She chairs the Strategic Planning Implementation Committee, sits on the Access, Fairness and Public Trust and Confidence Committee, and chaired the Court Reporting Matters Committee from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Judge Doyle also serves on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution.

Her two-year term as Chief Judge began on July 1, 2015.